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The Honorable Dave Durenberger
Chairman
Select Committee on Intelligence
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Enclosed for your information is a copy of a letter I have sent to Chairman Hamilton of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. The letter addresses my concerns over a growing tendency for Congressional committees other than the intelligence committees to move into oversight of intelligence. I have asked Mr. Hamilton for his views and those of his Committee on this subject and I hereby solicit yours and those of your Committee.

I want to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for what you personally did a short time ago to keep the Senate from establishing a special commission to investigate espionage and security. Your strong stand to keep this subject within the confines of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence was a sensible and courageous act which helped to avoid what I am writing to Hamilton about. Despite what has been reported, I am not opposed to the Congressional oversight of intelligence. In fact, I strongly support it if it can be accomplished in a manner that does not damage this vital national activity.

Sincerely,

/s/ William J. Casey

William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence

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